GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

P.S. – Forest Department –Allegation of acquisition of assets disproportionate to the known sources of income against Sri K.T.V. Satyanarayana, formerly FSO, Pendurthy Section, Visakhapatnam District – Departmental enquiry/action -Article of charges issued- Findings of the Inquiry Officer Communicated – Further defense received - Imposing a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two years - Show-Cause-Notice issued- Explanation received – Final Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 19 Dated: 16-02-2018

Read the following:

1. From the DG, ACB, A.P., Hyderabad, Lr. Rc. No. 16/RE-WVP/2010, dt. 17.08.2011.
2. G.M. No. 6218/For.IV/A1/2011, dt. 10.06.2015.
3. From the PCCF Lr. Ref. No. 14843/2011/A&DC-1(i), dt. 13.02.2017.
4. G.M. No. 6218/For.IV/A1/2011, dt. 09.03.2017.
5. From the PCCF Lr. Rc. No. 14843/2014/A&DC-1, dt. 01.06.2017.
6. G.M. No. 6218/Sec.IV/A1/2011, dt. 13.10.2017.
7. From Sri K.T.V. Satyanarayana, DRO(Retd), Lr. dt. 01.11.2017.
8. Govt. Lr. No. 6218/Sec.IV/A1/2011, dt. 16.11.2017
7. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No. 52/DC&C/2018, dt.31.01.2018.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has recommended to initiate Departmental action against Sri K.T.V. Satyanarayana, formerly Forest Section Officer, Pendurthy Section, Visakhapatnam for acquisition of assets disproportionate to the known sources of his income to a tune of Rs.10,27,978/- and for his failure to submit Annual Property Returns and also for not obtaining prior permission for acquisition of assets.

2. The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, vide Lr. Rc. No. 16/RE-WVP/2010, dt.8.5.2012, while furnishing the details of the assets, income and expenditure in respect of Sri K.T.V.Satyanarayana, FSO, has informed that the total expenditure comes to Rs.17,44,328/-, the likely savings would be Rs.6,84,675/-, and the value of disproportionate assets is Rs.6,26,691/- which represent about 25.80% of AO's income, and hence recommended for departmental action.

3. Accordingly, Articles of Charges were issued against Sri K.T.V.Satyanarayana, Forest Section Officer, Pendurthy Section, Visakhapatnam by the Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam vide DFO, VSP, Rc. No. 868/2015/P, dt. 15.4.2015 on the following counts:-

Article-I:- "That the Government Servant acquired assets disproportionate to the known sources of his income to a tune of Rs.10,27,978/- and there by violated the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964. It is recommended to initiate departmental action under APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991".

Article-II:- "That Sri K.T.V. Satyanarayana did not obtain prior permission from the competent authority for acquiring and disposing of the immovable properties in his

name, in the name of his wife Smt. K.Vijaya Venkata Mahalakshmi".

Article-III:- "That Sri K.T.V. Satyanarayana did not file Annual Property Returns for the year 1984 to 2005 and 2009 and failed to maintain absolute integrity in violation of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

4. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Article of Charge on 18.04.2015 and submitted his explanation dated nil. Not satisfied with the explanation, the Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam appointed himself as Inquiry Officer and the Forest Range Officer, Visakhapatnam as Presenting Officer vide his Proc.No.868/2015/P, dt.03.07.2015. The Divisional Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam (Inquiry Officer) submitted the findings that all the charges framed against the Charged Officer are held proved.

5. The Charged Officer has retired on 28.02.2017 on attaining the age of superannuation. Since the case pertains to ACB, the Government alone are competent to finalize the case. The PCCF has submitted necessary proposals to Government for finalization of the disciplinary case against Sri K.T.V. Satyanarayana, FSO as deemed fit.

6. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests and the material made available, Government have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two years against the charged officer, Sri K.T.V. Satyanarayana, formerly FSO, Pendurthy Section, Visakhapatnam District, under rule 9(2)(a) of the A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 read with Rule 21 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991.

7. Accordingly, a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 6th read above. The Charged Officer has agreed to the proposed punishment vide reference 7th read above.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of two (2) years against the retired Charged Officer Sri K.T.V. Satyanarayana, the then Forest Section Officer, Pendurthy, Visakhapatnam and now Deputy Range Officer(Retd.), under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Guntur shall take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRAPRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur. (with original records, Rc. No. 868/2015/P and file No. 605/2013/M9/M8)
The Individual (through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).
Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada.
The Secretary, APPSC,(with ref. to Lr.No.52 /DC&C/2018, dt.31.01.2018).
Sf./Sc.

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SECTION OFFICER